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Mr. Sullivan,

The City of Cambridge hereby submits supplemental material to its Application for Certificate of Appropriateness for the renovation and alterations to the Harvard Square Kiosk and Plaza originally submitted on April 9, 2019.

Safety Improvements to the Super Crosswalk:

- City staff has taken a close look at the Super Crosswalk area (pedestrian crossing between the Kiosk and the Harvard Coop) and have identified traffic signal changes that support travel lane reductions and improves the safety for all users. The changes will simplify the overall operation of the intersection; reduce the crossing distance for pedestrians; provide additional plaza space; and simplify the merge for cyclists and motorists travelling towards Porter Square.
- Changes modifying previously approved plaza design by widening plaza 9'.

Rooftop Signage:

- The three original rooftop signs of the 1950s and 1960s will be replicated.
- Per MassDOT regulations only one sign will be permitted for advertising.
- The other two signs will promote "on premises" events.
- State requires 15 hours/mo. on permitted sign for their own public service announcements.
 - Minimum ad length = 10 seconds

Please find attached the following documents:

- 1) Harvard Square Plaza – Landscape Architect Drawing Package
- 2) Harvard Square Kiosk – Building Architect Drawing Package

Please review and let us know if you need anything further in advance of our meeting on January 2nd, 2020.

Sincerely,

Kathy Watkins
City Engineer